

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR

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In the Matter of:	)	
	)	Administrative Order
LIMITING COURT OPERATIONS	)	No. 2020-05
DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH	)	(Expanding Administrative Order
EMERGENCY	)	No. 2020-04)
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Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona declared a statewide emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303 and in accordance with A.R.S. § 26-301(15) on March 1, 2020. Additionally, the Arizona Supreme Court has issued Administrative Order No. 2020-70 (Replacing Administrative Order No. 2020-60) authorizing limitations of court operations during a public health emergency.

On March 30, 2020, to further reduce the continuing spread of COVID-19, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-18 urging Arizona residents to stay-at-home other than for essential activities. On March 31, 2020 this Court's Administrative Order 2020-04 directed that court business be conducted in a manner that reduces the risks associated with this public health emergency. While the Executive Order acknowledges that legal and court processes constitute essential activities, the Goodyear Municipal Court believes that to protect the health and safety of the public and of its employees, further restrictions on in-person court proceedings and court activities are necessary.

IT ORDERED that Administrative Order 2020-05 expands, revises and clarifies upon Administrative Order 2020-04.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that from May 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020, with limited exceptions as set forth below, no in-person proceedings will occur in the Goodyear Municipal Court. The Court will continue to hold telephonic hearings and remain available to process all case types and non-appearance proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that attendance at any in-person proceeding held pursuant to one of the limited exceptions below will be limited to parties, witnesses, victims, law enforcement officers, interpreters and lawyers participating in the proceeding. Family members of the parties may be permitted, *only* if approved by the judge.

IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- (a) No Jury trials will be scheduled before June 18, 2020.
- (b) All non-jury trials for out of custody defendants currently scheduled for May 1, 2020 through May 29, 2020, will be vacated and *will be reset for a status conference after May 29, 2020.*
- (c) All in-custody proceedings will proceed telephonically.

- (d) All Protective Order proceedings will continue with the direction that telephonic or video appearances shall be utilized where feasible until further notice.
- (e) All arraignments (both criminal and civil traffic cases) scheduled from May 1, 2020 through May 29, 2020 will be continued until after June 1, 2020. Civil traffic matters may continue to be resolved by telephone and/or email.
- (f) All post-arraignment non-trial settings for out of custody defendants currently scheduled for May 1, 2020 through May 29, 2020, are continued until after June 1, 2020.
- (g) For all criminal cases subject to this order, time is excluded for the purpose of calculating time under Rule 8, *Rules of Criminal Procedure*, between May 1, 2020 through May 29, 2020, subject to further direction from the Arizona Supreme Court.
- (h) All Civil Traffic Hearings currently scheduled for May 4, 2020 through May 29, 2020 are continued until after June 1, 2020, except as ordered by the Presiding Judge.
- (i) All persons with scheduled appearances are required to notify the Court of any COVID-19 symptoms or suspected exposure and to refrain from entering the Court.
- (j) All persons entering the Court without a scheduled appearance are required to notify the Court of any COVID-19 symptoms or suspected exposure and to refrain from entering the Court.
- (k) Open Court is *cancelled* until further notice. Anyone contacting the Court regarding open Court shall be directed to contact the Court by email, fax or in writing to address their matter.
- (l) All non-essential functions currently scheduled to be conducted in the Court are cancelled until further notice.
- (m) All proceedings occurring within the Court are to be conducted in a manner consistent with the Center for Disease Control physical distancing recommendations until further notice.

IT IS FURTHER ENCOURAGED that all parties continue to work toward the resolution and settlement of the cases subject to this Order.

DATED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

/s/ Mayra Galindo

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Mayra J. Galindo  
Presiding Judge